



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

April 15, 2008

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following Notice of Proposed Action under the authority of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the Nevada Administrative Code, and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Administrator has received renewal application for an Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit, which has been drafted for public comment. Permit #UNEV93209 has been applied for by the following applicant:

Barrick Goldstrike Mine  
PO BOX 29  
Elko, NV 89803

The applicant has submitted a renewal application to inject water produced as a result of mining dewatering into wells BVI-1, BVI-2, BVI-3, BVI-4, and BVI-5 located in Section 24, T35N, R48E and Sections 5 & 18, T35N, R49E, both in Eureka County, Nevada. The applicant has maintained this permit since 1993 and currently uses the injection wells as a secondary or back-up system.

The applicant is required to monitor injection pressure and rate. Additionally, the applicant is required to conduct periodic mechanical integrity tests of the wells and submit chemical analysis of the liquid injectate to demonstrate that degradation of the receiving formation will not occur.

On the basis of preliminary review, the Administrator has made a tentative determination to issue the UIC permit to authorize water discharge activities. Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or to request a hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments in writing by May 23, 2008 either in person or by mail to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
Attn: Brian Martinezmoles  
901 South Stewart Street; Suite 4001  
Carson City, NV 89701  
([bmartinezmoles@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:bmartinezmoles@ndep.nv.gov))

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All comments or objections received within thirty days of newspaper publication will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty days prior to the hearing date.

The application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Brian Martinezmoles of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9439.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.